

CITY OF GERMANTOWN  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
Tuesday, January 9, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Vice Mayor Mary Anne Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum: Sarah Goralewski called the roll and established a quorum.

Members Present: Chairman Jodie Bowden; Vice Mayor Mary Anne Gibson; Vice Chairman Frank Uhlhorn; Laura Meanwell; Andrew Bland; and Rick Towne.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Cameron Ross, ECD Director; Sarah Goralewski, Planning Division Manager; Josh Whitehead, Assistant City Attorney

3. Citizen Comments: The City of Germantown welcomes public comment. Should you wish to speak on any of the item(s) on this agenda, please complete the Citizens to Be Heard form available at the meeting, which is required to address the Board. During the public hearing portion of the agenda item(s), the Chair will open the public hearing portion for each item and call on those who wish to speak who have completed a form. Each side (support and opposition) shall have a maximum of 15 minutes per agenda item, with no individual speaking longer than 3 minutes, subject to the discretion of the Chair.
4. Election of Officers:

Alderman Mary Anne Gibson called for nominations for BZA Chairman.

Rick Towne moved to nominate Jodie Bowden for Chairman, seconded by Laura Meanwell.

Vice Mayor Mary Anne Gibson asked city staff to call roll.

**ROLL CALL:**

Uhlhorn – Yes  
Meanwell – Yes  
Towne – Yes  
Bland – Yes  
Gibson - Yes

**MOTION PASSED 5-0-0**

Vice Mayor Mary Anne Gibson turned the meeting over to Chairman Jodie Bowden.

Chairman Jodie Bowden called for nominations for BZA Vice Chairman.

Rick Towne moved to nominate Frank Uhlhorn as Vice Chairman, seconded by Andrew Bland.

No additional nominations were made.

Chairman Jodie Bowden asked city staff to call the roll for a vote.

**ROLL CALL:**

Meanwell – Yes  
Bland – Yes

Towne – Yes  
Gibson – Yes  
Bowden - Yes

**MOTION PASSED 5-0-0**

5. Approval of the Minutes

Andrew Bland moved to approve the Board of Zoning and Appeals minutes of December 12, 2023, seconded by Laura Meanwell.

ROLL CALL:

Towne - Yes  
Bland - Yes  
Gibson – Yes  
Meanwell - Yes  
Uhlhorn - Yes  
Bowden - Yes

**MOTION PASSED 6-0-0**

6. Regular Agenda

A. Annual Training

Josh Whitehead, Assistant City Attorney, made a staff presentation and led the Board in annual training.

7. Annual Adoption of Germantown Forward 2035 Strategic Plan

Cameron Ross, ECD Director, made a staff presentation.

There were no questions for staff by the Board.

Chairman Jodie Bowden opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in support of this item.

No one spoke in opposition of this item.

Staff announced that they had received no letters speaking for or against the request.

Chairman Jodie Bowden closed the public hearing.

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Frank Uhlhorn moved to adopt the Germantown Forward 2035 Strategic Plan, seconded by Laura Meanwell.

Chairman Jodie Bowden led the Board in a discussion and then called for a vote.

ROLL CALL:

Towne - Yes  
Bland - Yes  
Gibson – Yes  
Meanwell - Yes  
Uhlhorn - Yes  
Bowden - Yes

**MOTION PASSED 6-0-0**

8. Old Business

Chairman Jodie Bowden asked if there was any old business. There was none.

9. New Business

Chairman Jodie Bowden asked if there was any new business. There was none.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, comments or questions by the Commission, Chairman Jodie Bowden adjourned the meeting at 7:16pm.



Chairman Jodie Bowden  
Board of Zoning Appeals

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